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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A beverage container, comprising:

An an outer shell comprising first, second, third, and fourth sidewalls; wherein

said first sidewall has a first opening formed therein and <u>defines a free</u> upper edge, said first sidewall having a lower flap depending therefrom,

said second sidewall has an upper flap depending extending therefrom defining a first handle portion, and a lower flap;

said third sidewall has an upper flap depending extending therefrom comprising a slot for receiving a handle and a second opening formed therein, and said third sidewall further comprising a lower flap depending therefrom;

said fourth sidewall has an upper flap depending extending therefrom defining a second handle portion, and a lower flap;

wherein said upper flaps cooperate to form a top surface of said outer shell and said lower flaps cooperate to form a bottom surface of said outer shell; and

wherein said first opening and said second opening cooperate to receive and support a mouth of a flexible inner liner configured to receive and store a liquid beverage.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said lower flaps cooperate to provide a plurality of layers defining a said bottom surface of said outer shell.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said upper flaps cooperate to define an upper surface of said container, and further cooperate to define a said handle.

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4. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner has a bag portion and a mouth portion.

- 5. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 4, wherein said mouth portion is disposed through said first opening and said second opening and is supported thereby.
- 6. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 5, wherein said mouth portion defines a retaining portion configured to receive a peripheral edge of each of said first and second openings thereby maintaining the mounted relationship therewith.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said first handle portion cooperates with said second handle portion to define a-said handle.
- 8. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 7, wherein said handle extends in a plane substantially crthogonal to a plane of said upper surface.
- 9. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 8, wherein said plane of said upper surface forms an acute angle with respect to a plane of said bottom surface.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The beverage container as in Claim 9, wherein rotating said container such that said handle is substantially horizontal causes liquid therein in said container to dispense through said mouth.
- 11. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner is affixed to the outer shell at one or more locations.
- 12. (Original) The beverage container as in Claim 11, wherein said flexible inner liner is adhered to one or more of said first sidewall, second sidewall, third sidewall, and fourth sidewall.

13 - 18. (Canceled)